

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before page 1, line 1, please insert the following:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention --

After the paragraph ending at page 1, line 8, please insert the following:

--Description of the Related Art--

After the paragraph ending at page 3, line 20, please insert the following:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 28, as follows:

The object is achieved according to the present invention by a process ~~in accordance with Claim 1.~~ for the manufacture of porous, rapidly disintegrating, active substance-containing pellets based on chitosan or a basic chitosan derivative according to a dripping method, characterized in that: a) an aqueous solution or dispersion is prepared wherein chitosan or the basic chitosan derivative, one or more active substances, an acid having a boiling point of

maximally 140°C, and possibly further auxiliary substances are present predominantly in solution; b) the aqueous solution or dispersion is dripped into a cooling liquid having a temperature of maximally -5°C and is thereby solidified in the form of droplets; c) the solidified droplets or pellets are isolated; and d) dried, and the acid is removed from the pellets.

Before the paragraph starting at page 4, line 1, please insert the following:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION** --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 1 as follows:

It has surprisingly been found that by using a dripping method in which an aqueous dispersion with chitosan or a basic chitosan derivative is used as carrier substance and in which the other ~~instructions according to Claim 1 are observed~~ process steps are observed {i.e., a) an aqueous solution or dispersion is prepared wherein chitosan or the basic chitosan derivative, one or more active substances, an acid having a boiling point of maximally 140°C, and possibly further auxiliary substances are present predominantly in solution; b) the aqueous solution or dispersion is dripped into a cooling liquid having a temperature of maximally -5°C and is thereby solidified in the form of droplets; c) the solidified droplets or pellets are isolated; and d) dried, and the acid is removed from the pellets}, it is possible

to produce cryopellets or lyophilized pellets of a quality comparable to that of the gelatine-containing pellets described in the literature.